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c. 1800-1810

John Dorgan House

St. Michaels

private

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John Dorgan purchased Lot 58 on which this house stands in June of 1782 from Jonathan Spencer (21/2659), and Dorgan retained ownership of the property until the late 1820s. Since this house is not included on the 1798 Federal tax assessment, it appears the dwelling was erected during the few years following the turn of the century. Lot 58 and the house passed to John Dorgan, Jr. in 1829 and then out of Dorgan family hands in 1848 (61/451).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-553

Magi No. 2105535304

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Dorgan House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 217 East Chestnut Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. James Howe

street & number 217 East Chestnut Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Dorgan house description

The John Dorgan house, located at 217 East Chestnut Street, stands on the north side of the street along the St. Michaels waterfront. The c. 1800-1810 two-story frame house faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Accompanying the house is a modern garage.

The two-story three-bay aluminum sheathed frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The gable ends are flush and the cornice is boxed and trimmed with bed molding. To both the east and west modern additions have been attached and a screened-in porch extends from the back of the house.

The south (main) facade is three bays across with three 6/6 sash lighting both floors. Louvered aluminum shutters flank each window. According to the present owner, Mr. James Howe, the front door was formerly located in the center bay before its relocation in the adjacent addition. Solar panels have been inserted in the south roof slope.

The east gable end is largely covered by the single-story c. 1965 addition. Two 3/3 windows light the second floor, while a pair of 2/2 sash light the attic and flank the replaced interior end brick chimney.

The rear face of the house is similarly detailed without any notable differences from the rest of the house. A large picture window has been cut through the first floor for a view of the harbor, while 6/6 sash windows light the second floor. The west gable end has two 2/2 sash attic lights.

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The first floor interior of the main block has been remodeled and most of the original woodwork has been removed. The only significant feature is the enclosed winder stair which remains in the southwest corner. Four exposed steps rise to a four-panel door and winder steps. The handrail and newel post have been replaced, but the raised-panel stair box has remained intact. A small two-panel door opens into the closet space below the steps. Clearly visible are wrought-iron nails used in the stair construction.

The stair rises to a three-room second floor and the second floor banister survives with its molded handrail and rectangular balusters. The west half of the second floor comprises the main room, while the balance of the space is divided into two rooms. Raised six-panel doors separate the three rooms and are framed by finely molded surrounds with a small ovolo and small cavetto molding. The attic stair rises from the present bathroom and is enclosed with flat paneling. The four-panel door retains its spring latch.

The unaltered attic is divided into two rooms by a vertical beaded board partition with two raised panels above the doorway. The door is missing. The knee walls were framed in and small frames for hatch doors in the knee walls were installed, but the walls were never finished. The common rafter system is braced by lapped collar beams fastened with wrought nails. The peak joints of each rafter pair are also lapped and held together with wrought nails.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The chain of title and architectural features of this two-story, wrought-nail frame house suggest it was erected during the first decade of the 19th century. Raised four- and six-panel doors, an enclosed winder stair assembled with wrought-nails, a raised panel stair soffit, and a vertical beaded board attic partition are several interior features which support this date. The exterior has been thoroughly reworked, but in spite of the changes the main house retains its original form. The flush gable ends, a steeply pitched roof and boxed cornice with bed molding are basically intact. However, the c. 1965 gable end additions, the aluminum siding, and the solar heat panels have greatly compromised this once significant exterior.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart, Architectural Historial

organization Historic St. Michaels date 7/15/85

street & number telephone

city or town St. Michaels state MD 21663

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Shaw House
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 217 E Chestnut Street

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

The original lot 58 became divided into four parts. These have been designated A, B, C, and D to avoid confusion as each lot is traced. This lot "D" is the water-front parcel.

VOL. 542 PAGE 226 DATE MADE 1980 PRICE \$148,000 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: ORVILLE, VARTY, MARY VARTY, L CLARK EWING (ESTATE OF CLAY LOUISE MORRIS)

TO: HOLLIS JAMES HOWE

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

Begin at SE corner of land in deed H P Turner, estate of Owen C Blades to Russells 1963, 390/40 169.35 ft on Chestnut Street

Same land as Caulk to Morris, 1958, 346/165

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

RESEARCHER _____

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HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED
HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 217 East Chestnut St.

Original Lot Number 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 542 PAGE 226 DATE MADE 1980 PRICE \$148,000 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: Orville Varty and L. Clark Ewing

TO: Hollis James Howe

NOTES:

Same as 346-165 (1958)

Adjacent property described in 390-40 and 287-79

Survey No.:

Property: 217 E Chestnut Street
58DPROBATE RECORDS

Wills Liber: 40

Source of Record: DEED, 542/226, 1980

Folio: 633

Date Executed:

Date Probated: 1976

Decedent: Paul Morris

Property, Acreage, and Improvements (list, including heir or beneficiary):

CLAY LOUISE MORRIS

References to Previous Owners and/or Transactions:

Genealogy: WIFE OF PAUL MORRIS

Codicil:

Administration Accounts Reference:

Inventory Reference:

Other References:

Research by:

Date:

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

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LOCATION:

217 E Chestnut Street

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 346 PAGE 165 DATE MADE 1958 PRICE \$5 ovc OVC; cm; specie

FROM: J D Caulk

TO: PAUL MORRIS

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

By Bloodsworths to Caulk 1895, 122/189

and Will 29/432 1953

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

RESEARCHER _____

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HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED
HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 217 East Chestnut St.

Original Lot Number 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 346 PAGE 165 DATE MADE 1958 PRICE _____ OVC; cm; specie

FROM: James D. Caulk Jr. and Olive P. Caulk (his wife)

TO: Paul Morris and Clay Louise Morris

NOTES: Same as 122-189

In 1958 the Morrises took out a mortgage on the property for \$1,500 for the term of one year. It included mention of fire insurance. The mortgagee was L.E. Mitchell and Nellie M. Mitchell.

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Survey No.:

Property: 217 East Chestnut St.

PROBATE RECORDS

Wills Liber: 29

Source of Record: Talbot Co. Courthouse

Folio: 432

Date Executed: Feb. 13, 1953

Date Probated: July 23, 1957

Decedent:

James D. Caulk

Property, Acreage, and Improvements (list, including heir or beneficiary):

James D. Caulk Jr. sole heir and executor -- very short will,
no specifics

References to Previous Owners and/or Transactions:

Geneology:

James D. Caulk Jr., son of James D. Caulk

Codicil:

Administration Accounts Reference:

Inventory Reference:

Other References:

Research by: PW C

Date: Feb. 22'85

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HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED
HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 217 East Chestnut St.

Original Lot Number 58 (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 122-XXX PAGE 189 DATE MADE 1895 PRICE \$675 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: Jesse H. Bloodsworth et al.

TO: James D. Caulk

NOTES: "That piece and parcel of ground, together with the buildings and improvements thereon" inherited from Jesse H. Bloodsworth who inherited it from Nathan Bloodsworth who obtained it from Nathan Harrington and wife and James Benson and wife Jan. 15, 1849.

LOCATION: Foot of Chestnut Street, N side

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 69 PAGE 488 DATE MADE 1862 PRICE L & A OVC; cm; specie

FROM: JESSE BLOODSWORTH

TO: JESSE H., ALICE, MARGARET, AND SUSAN BLOODSWORTH

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

Begin at a post on the north side of Chestnut Street run East 120' to the water of Miles River; run with river North about 60' to T H Lambdin; with Lambdin 120' to Oliver Fairbank then East 60' to the beginning.

No house mentioned.

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

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HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED
HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

LOCATION: 217 East Chestnut St.

Original Lot Number 58 (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 62 PAGE 68-69 DATE MADE 1849 PRICE \$490 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: Nathan Harrington and wife (Sarah Ann) and James Benson and wife (Elizabeth Ann)

TO: Nathan Bloodsworth

NOTES: ... "that part of a lot of ground No. 58 beginning at a stone marked at 0 where a post stood on the south 66 degrees 15 minutes West of said lot and running from thence South ~~XX~~ 23 degrees 45 minutes East 60 feet to Chestnut Street and from thence North 66 degrees 15 minutes to a creek called the Church Creek, then by and with the said creek to Lot No. 57 and running from thence with 57 to the beginning aforesaid. " Lot was conveyed "together with all and singular the holdings, enclosures, ~~XX~~ improvements, rights, etc...."

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED
HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

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LOCATION:

Foot of Chestnut Street, N Side

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 61 PAGE 451 DATE MADE 1848 PRICE \$1450 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: ELIZABETH DORGAN, GUSTAVUS DORGAN, MARY DORGAN, JOSEPH H SPEDDEN, MARIA L SPEDDEN,
These are the heirs of John Dorgan, ship carpenter, son of John Dorgan, blacksmith.

TO: NATHAN HARRINGTON AND JAMES BENSON

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

Part of Beach, Bentley Hay, Janes Progress, and Matthew Circumvented totals 50 a.

Also, a lot, number 58.....same description as 48/297

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

RESEARCHER _____

LOCATION: Foot of Chestnut Street, N side

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 580 (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)

VOL. 48 PAGE 297 DATE MADE 1829 PRICE \$400 OVC; cm; specie

FROM: JOHN DORGAN, BLACKSMITH *Gr*

TO: JOHN DORGAN, SHIPCARPENTER *Jr*

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

Part of lot 58. Begin at stone #1 where post was on S 66.15 W line; run S 23.45 E 60' to Chestnut Street; then N 66.15 E to a creek called The Church Creek; by and with creek to # 57; with 57 to beginning.

no building mentioned.

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

RESEARCHER _____

LOCATION:

Foot of Chestnut Street, North Side.

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 D (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)VOL. 21 PAGE 265 DATE MADE 1782, June 15 PRICE L3 Specie OVC; cm; specie

FROM: JONATHAN SPENCER, SHIP CARPENTER

TO: JOHN DORGAN, BLACKSMITH

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

This sale was for only part of lot 58: 60 feet ^{to} ~~on~~ Chestnut Street ^{then} to the water.

"Part of lot 58". Beginning at a post on the S23.45W line of said lot marked with 6 notches; run from thence S23.45E 60' to Chestnut Street; from thence N66.15E to a creek called Church Creek; by and with creek to #57; with #57 to beginning.

An example of the difficulty in understanding what happened, and why...Jonathan Spencer had bought lot 58 for £ 100 specie; on same day, John Dorgan bought the water-front half from Spencer for £ 3 specie; one year later Spencer sold the upper half (?) to Thomas Groves for £ 50 "current money"! And in 1784, Dorgan bought Groves' lot for £40 specie. Thus, in 1784 Dorgan owned all of 58 for which he had paid a total of £ 43 specie.

It is not possible to determine the length of Dorgan's lot exactly. It begins at a post on the line of lot 57 runs 60' to Chestnut Street, then "to the creek". There is probably 50 to 100 feet more land today (oyster-shell fill) than in 1782.

Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed ? Yes; No.

RESEARCHER _____

HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS - BAY HUNDRED

HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

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LOCATION:

415 Water Street (Corner of Water and Chestnut Streets)

ORIGINAL LOT NUMBER 58 (Braddock, Thompson, Harrison)
(A, B, C, D)

VOL. 21 PAGE 263 DATE MADE 15 June 1782 PRICE £ 100^s specie OVC; cm; specie

FROM:

JAMES BRADDOCK

TO:

JONATHAN SPENCER, SHIPWRIGHT

NOTES: (Include at least one description from a deed which will definitely locate the property. Also include here the reference - if given - to the previous deed or will, etc. which shows how the seller - "FROM" - acquired the property.)

One lot, on plot St. Michaels, number 58. Begin at SW corner of number 57. Run S 23° 45' E 60 feet to Chestnut Street; then N 66° 15' E to the creek called Church Creek; with the creek to lot 57; with 57 S 66° 15' W to beginning. 1/2 acre. Recorded 20 June 1782.

This is the first sale of this lot after the town lots had been put up for sale. The £ 100 specie is probably the highest price paid for any single lot in the town. (See note, below) Although the lot has the "standard" width of the town lots of 60', it was more than twice the length of the other town lots. There was a very active blacksmith shop on the Wetheral property from which the town was made up and it is possible that it could have been on this site.* Jonathan Spencer had previously purchased lot numbers 55, 56, and 57 on Water Street adjacent to #58. The prices paid for these lots were £ 10 "current money", £ 200 "current money", and £ 10 "specie" respectively.

Note: Money values, especially "current money" fluctuated widely during and after the Revolution; "hard money" or specie had the highest value.
Was the house or other buildings specifically mentioned in this deed? Yes; No.

* Blacksmith John Dorgan's purchase of part of this lot from Jonathan Spencer may be significant. (See under NO. 217) E. CHESTNUT

RESEARCHER _____

YEAR: 1980 VOL: 542 PAGE: 226

FROM: Estate of Clay Louise Morris PRICE: \$148,000

TO : Hollis James Howe

NOTES: The estate was represented by Orville and Mary Varty and L Clark Ewing. This lot is a part of the original lot number 58 as laid out by James Braddock in 1778. The original lot was divided into two, three, and four lots and is now three lots. The chain-of-title presented here includes only those deeds pertaining to the Howe property.

The description states: Begins at the SE corner of the land conveyed by the estate of Owen C Blades to Marion and Virginia Russell 1963, 390/40. The property has a frontage of 163.35 ' on Chestnut Street.

Conveyed by J D Caulk to Paul Morris 1958, 346/165 and by Will of Paul Morris to Clay Louise Morris his wife 1976, 40/633.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 346 PAGE: 165

FROM: James D Caulk, Jr. and Olive P Caulk PRICE:

TO : Paul Morris and Clay Louise Morris

NOTES: The description is the same as 1895, 122/189.

Conveyed to James D Caulk, Sr. by Jesse H Bloodsworth et al 1895, 122/189.

James D Caulk, Sr. devised the property to his son James D Jr. by Will dated 1953, 29/432 and probated 1957.

YEAR: 1895 VOL: 122 PAGE: 189

FROM: Jesse H Bloodsworth and others PRICE: \$675

TO : James D Caulk

NOTES: "That piece and parcel of ground, together with the buildings and improvements thereon". Inherited from Jesse H Bloodsworth, who inherited it from Nathan Bloodsworth who obtained it from Nathan Harrington and James Benson January 15, 1849.

YEAR: 1862 VOL: 69 PAGE: 488

FROM: Jesse Bloodsworth PRICE: L & A

TO : Jesse H., Alice, Margaret, and Susan Bloodsworth

NOTES: Begins at a post on the N side of Chestnut Street. Run E 120' to the water of Miles River; run with the river, N about 60' to T H Lambdin; with Lambdin 120' to Oliver Fairbank; then E 60' to the beginning.

Inherited by Jesse Bloodsworth from his father Nathan Bloodsworth.

Conveyed by Nathan Harrington and James Benson to Nathan Bloodsworth 1849, 62/68.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 68

FROM: Nathan Harrington & wife and James Benson & wife PRICE: \$490

TO : Nathan Bloodsworth

NOTES: "that part of a lot of ground No. 58 beginning at a stone marked O where a post stood on the S 66 degrees 15 minutes W line of said lot and running from thence S 23 degrees 45 minutes E 60' to Chestnut Street and from thence N 66 degrees 15 minutes to a creek called Church Creek, then by and with the said creek to lot number 57 and running from thence with 57 to the beginning aforesaid".

Conveyed to Nathan Harrington and James Benson by the heirs of John Dorgan (Jr) 1848, 61/451

YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 451

FROM: Heirs of John Dorgan, Jr. PRICE: \$1450

TO : Nathan Harrington and James Benson

NOTES: The heirs of John Dorgan, Jr were Elizabeth, Gustavus, and Mary, Dorgan and Joseph H and Maria L Spedden. Harrington and Benson were speculators. Included in the deed were 50 acres of "Beach", "Bentley Hay", "Janes Progress", and "Matthew Circumvented". ALSO, a lot, number 58 with the same description as 1829, 48/297.

YEAR: 1829 VOL: 48 PAGE: 297

FROM: John Dorgan, Sr., Blacksmith PRICE: \$400

TO : John Dorgan, Jr., Ship Carpenter

NOTES: Part of lot 58. Begin at stone #1 where a post was on the S 66.15 W line; run S 23.45 E 60' to Chestnut Street; then N 66.15 E to a creek called The Church Creek; by and with the creek to number 57; with 57 to the beginning.

Conveyed to John Dorgan, Blacksmith by Jonathan Spencer, Ship Carpenter 1782, 21/265.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 265

FROM: Jonathan Spencer, Ship Carpenter PRICE: p3 sp

TO : John Dorgan, Blacksmith

NOTES: The deed is for part of lot 58. It begins at a "post marked with 6 notches" at an unspecified distance on the line of lot 57, runs 60 feet to Chestnut Street and then to the waters of the creek. It is not possible to determine the length of the lot because there is now at least 50 or more feet of "made land" on the property.

This deed was made on the same day that Spencer bought the entire lot 58 and for which he paid 100 pounds, specie!!

Conveyed to Jonathan Spencer by James Braddock 1782, 21/263.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 263

FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p100 sp

TO : Jonathan Spencer, Shipwright

NOTES: "One lot, on plot St. Michaels, number 58"

This is the first sale of this lot. The p100 specie is probably the highest price paid for any single lot. There was a very active blacksmith shop on the Wetheral property (of which this lot is a part) and it is possible that the shop was located here. Jonathan Spencer had previously purchased lots 55 (p10 cm), 56 (p200 cm), and 57 (p10 sp). Considering the wide fluctuation of money during the Revolution and the difference in value between "current money" and "specie" it is difficult to determine the actual value of the various lots; however it would appear that, of the string of lots from 55-58, lots 56 and 58 had features that made them more valuable.

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↓

ST. MARY'S
SQUARE

METHODIST
CEMETERY

BACK CREEK

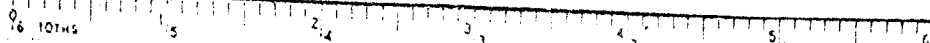
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OF
ST. MICHAELS

TALBOT CO. MARYLAND

SCALE

JAN. 1, 1883.

THOMAS H. L. ARD

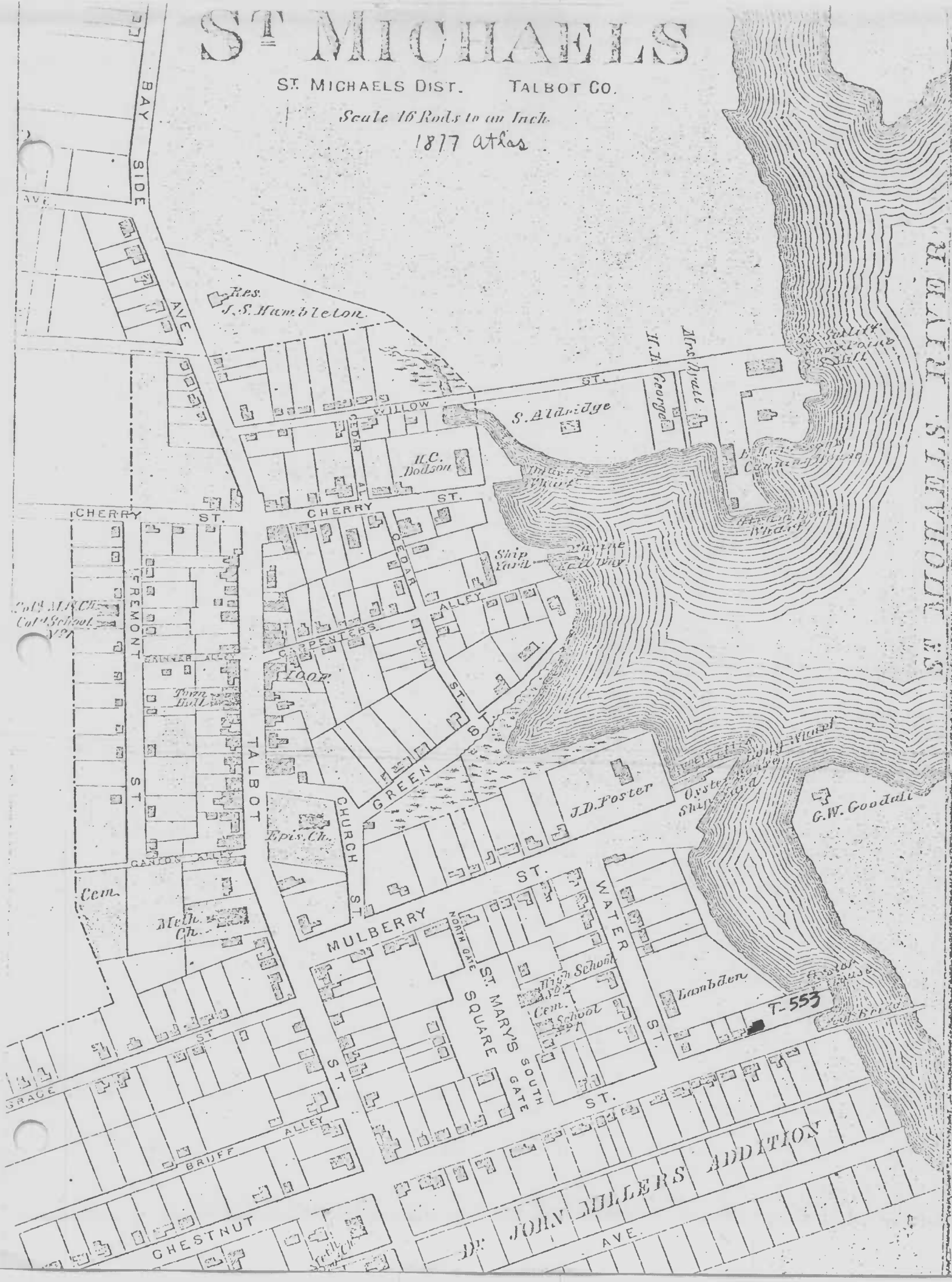


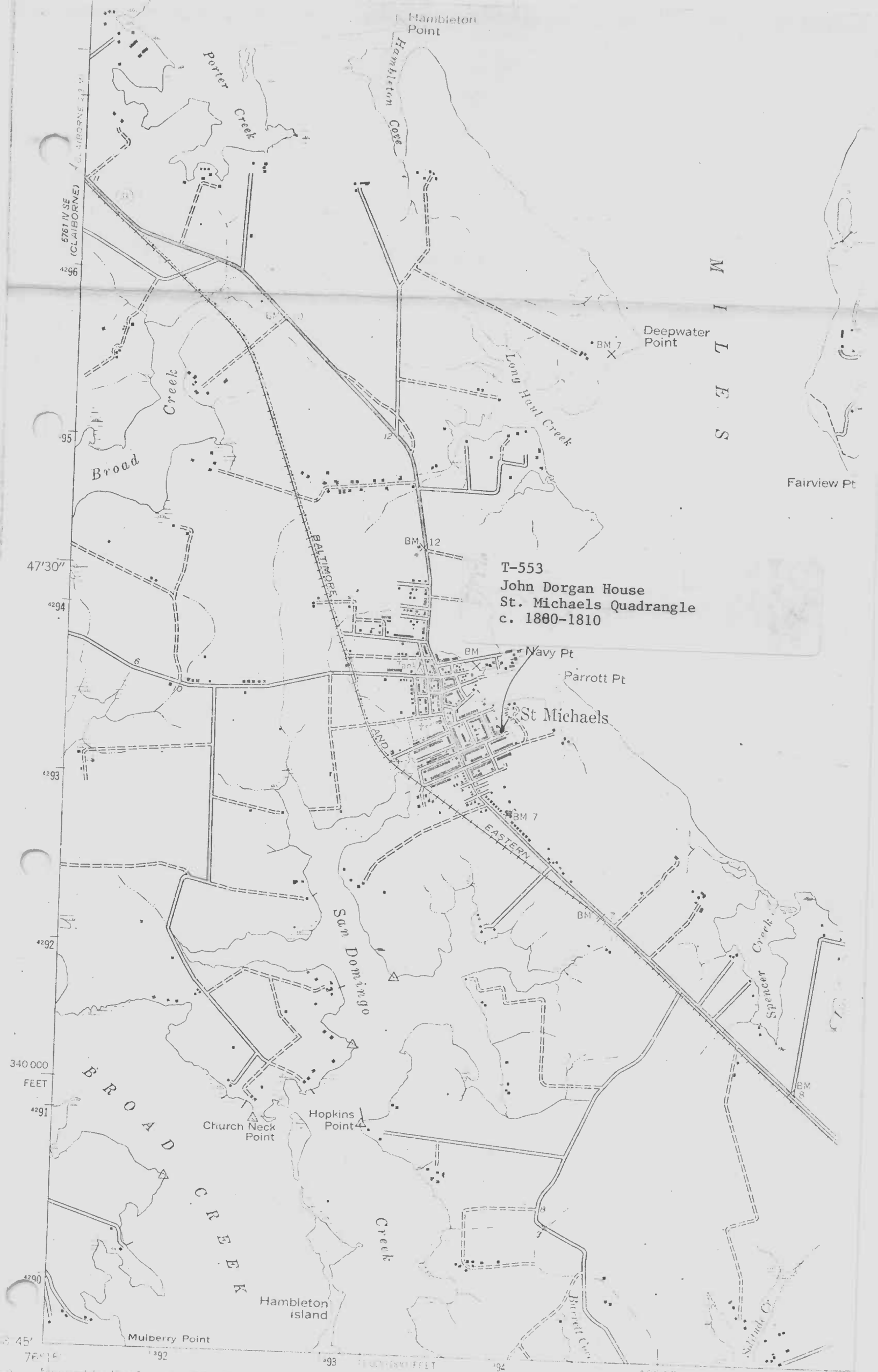
ST MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 Atlas





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John Dorgan House
St. Michaels Quadrangle
c. 1800-1810



217 CHESTNUT STREET

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

South Elevation

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Southeast Elevation

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Enclosed Stair - First Floor

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland

Enclosed First Floor Stair

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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland
Enclosed Stair - First Floor
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St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland
Attic Door

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